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Recycling Committee Minutes 08/01/06

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Present: Debbie Augustine, Katherine Mitchell, Lynne Hardy, Will Merrow, Chris MacKenzie, David Lancaster, Chris Lawless

Selectman representative: Don Lane

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m., and the first line of business was the approval of the July minutes.

Discussion of the electronics-recycling program began with Debbie reporting that Steve wants to wait on beginning the collection of electronic waste until he has a chance to speak with the staff at the transfer station. We discussed ways to spread the word about the new program such as articles in the newspapers that are circulated in our towns, and utilizing the School information newsletter via the email that is sent to parents. Jean Eaton is the contact person for attaching this information to the newsletter. We also discussed the possibility of the information of the new collection being put on the Hopkinton Board in front of the school. At this point any electronic waste will be collected by one of the attendants in the main building. Where they will store the waste is not determined as of this time, but in the future will be in the new building to be constructed. Cell phones can be deposited at Colonial Village as well as at the transfer station.

We discussed the possibility of PAYT becoming the system at the transfer station in the future. We stated that a timeline should be established to meet that goal, and we discussed what the recycling committee's part of that process should be. Don Lane reported that he feels that PAYT is inevitable, as the cost of disposal will most likely double in the year 2009. The plant has a five-year extension before closing and needing to find a new site, but the fees will greatly increase. Don stated that he feels that the present BOS would stand behind PAYT, and that the committee's role is to spread the word about recycling. Lynne asked that the Hopkinton BOS speak to the Webster BOS to let them know what they feel the future plans of PAYT are. We asked Don to make a statement to the public stating that PAYT will be the method of trash collection in the future, and the committee could then endorse this decision and spend time spreading the word. . He stated that the Hopkinton BOS has been disappointed in the recycling committees efforts to educate the town about recycling. Next we discussed ways to spread the word, which would include the articles that have been ongoing, several informational forums, and improved signage at the transfer station to help educate the public. We would like to plan on 2008 as the year that PAYT is implemented, and a warrant article would have to be passed in order for that to occur.

We discussed again the desire to have a second site to deposit recyclables in town to make it more convenient for the residents.

Presently Kimball does offer the option of picking up recyclables on a bi-monthly basis, and George Dockham does not offer recycling pick up.

We will try to establish a timeline during the next meeting. Debbie will resend out the article with commonly asked questions about PAYT. All members of the committee need to be thinking about questions that will arise as well as ways to help spread the word to the public. We will be discussing when an appropriate time to have a public forum would be.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm. The next meeting is on September 4th, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Hardy